(ग) यदि हां तो इसमें की गयी सिफारिशों का ब्यौरा क्या है?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एन0वी0एन0सोमू) : (क) वायुमान दुर्घटनाओं के कारणों का पता लगाने और ऐसी क्षतियों को न्यूनतम करने के लिए एक व्यापक कार्य योजना तैयार करने हेतु एक समिति का गठन किया गया है।

(ख) जी, नहीं।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Disbanding Rashtriya Rifles

1834. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Fifth Pay Commission while defining the role of the army in dealing with insurgency and internal security, have recommended to disband the Rashtriya Rifles; despite its outstanding contribution in confronting militancy professionally;

(b) if so, Government's decision thereon;

(c) the steps being taken to absorb these personnel in other security outfits; and

(d) the circumstances warranting the formation of the Rashtriya Rifles and the objectives thereof and the extent to which the objectives have been fulfilled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) to (d) The Fifth Pay commission has recommended, inter alia, that since the Army has no exclusive responsibility in the matter of internal security which is primarily the concern of MHA, there is a case for re-examination of the role of Rashtriya Rifles. The Pay Commission has also recommended that the Force be disbanded. Appropriate mechanisms have been instituted to analyse the recommendations of the fifth Pay Commission. Rashtriya Rifles is a Para military Force which is so far being manned by Army personnel on deputation basis. On expiry of their tenure with the Rashtriya Rifles, these personnel revert to their respective arm/ service. Keeping in view the prevailing internal security environment in the country, Rashtriya Rifles was raised with the objective to perform counter militancy role and for rear area security during periods of war. The Force has performed well in combating militancy in J&K and the North Eastern states.

Indian Ambassadors abroad

1835. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the number of countries where the posts of Indian ambassadors are lying vacant?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): At present, 11 posts of Ambassadors/High Commissioners are vacant. In respect of five of these vacancies, the Heads of Missions have already been nominated and they are completing formalities for taking up their assignments, action is underway to fill the other six vacancies.

Possession of Missiles by Neighbouring Countries

1836. DR. GOPALRAO VITHALRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countreis which possess short range and IRBM ballistic missiles in our neighbourhood;

(b) the threat perception to the country whether Government propose to deploy Prithvi and manufacture and deploy AGNI, AKASH and other missiles;

(c) the time required to manufacture,